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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement.

To the Department of Justice,

I am a mac user that enjoys the use of Microsoft products day in and day out. I'm useing microsoft outlook web based email client and Internet Explorer for the Macintosh.

What I believe the company is doing is dominating the market by cutting out the smaller developers. They leave no room what so ever for integration. And they do not believe in world standards other than that of their own.

I am from a college that runs NT servers, you are no doubt getting this email from an NT server. These are buy-far the worst implementation of a server made. It seems that they didn't work with any other computer except Windows. Yes, they were supposed to, but the DHCP wasn't sending out correct packets to macs on a regular basis as well as to unix computers, so we had to go static IP. We finally switched the DHCP server over to Linux and everything for some reason is smooth.

## I find their software corrupt.

When did word processors take up more space on your computer than highly intensive 3-D applications and programs like Adobe Photoshop 6.0 for the MAC? They don't seem to care about archetecture with in the program. They are a company known only to add new code onto old code continuously with out taking out what old, but instead only relying on processors to get faster to crunch down unnessary code.

They should make all of their products open source, and whoever modifies the program will be paid money. But hey, a simple chore like that I wouldn't trust to that company at this point.

In an ideal world, everyone would make their own operating system for their hardware as Apple, Amiga, and other great computers do. There should be a licensing cap with Windows and everyone should stive to make their own flavor of Unix, which is designed specifically for the computer's general tasks.

Also the U.S. courts should create a set of General Code Guidelines [GCG] which enable programs to be ported easily between "flavors of unix" such as Mac OS X based Unix as well as Red Hat and Debian as well as other great builds.

I'll keep this short, but please be cautious of what you are doing and don't listen to their over-paid lawyers so much, they are only out to trick you after all that is their job description isn't it?

One more thing, give more kudos to Apple, their only goal in life is to create a computer that is user-friendly at the user and server levels, they are our model company.

-Rodger Nugent, Bethel College